

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6, 36 and 37 are amended.

Claim Objections

Claims 6, 36 and 37 were objected to because of the following informalities:
Claim 6 is dependent upon itself; claims 26 and 27 should depend from claim 26, since there is no claim 46. Appropriate corrections have been made. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection.


Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-37 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-47 of U.S. Patent No. 6,641,264. Applicant is filing with this amendment a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c) to overcome the rejection. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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